Under NLCPR Scheme submission of DPRs, their examination and sanction of projects is a continuing process. As on 15.12.2005 DPRs of 68 projects are under examination in Central Government Ministries (Details at Annexure) *[See* Appendix 206 Annexure No. 13] and 40 are with the State Government for revision of DPRs (Details at Annexure) [See Appendix 206 Annexure No. 13]

Likewise, for NEC Schemes, submission of cases for SFC and EFC is also a continuous process. As on 15.12.2005, 2 NEC proposals are pending in the Ministry for consideration or approval (Details at Annexure) [See Appendix 206 Annexure No. 13]

Cable T.V. Charges

*374. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India has decided to raise cable T.V. charges;

(b) if so, at what rate and since when; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has permitted a 4% increase in cable charges *vide* Gazette notification No. 152 dated 29.11.2005, as a result of periodic review. This is effective from 1.1.2006. In brief the reason given is the need for taking into account inflation in costs over a period of time.

Master Plan 2021

*375. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether provisions outlined in Master Plan-2021 for Delhi would help in providing solutions for the regularization of commercial activities in residential areas and additional dwelling units all over Delhi (especially in the Influence Zone along metro corridor) and unauthorized colonies;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when it would be notified;

(c) whether Government have informed the Hon'ble Supreme Court and Delhi High Court about these proposals and status of Master Plan 2021 so that they could take into account the new developments while giving directions in these matters; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) Draft Master Plan for Delhi (MPD)-2021 has been prepared after intensive studies on various aspects, and keeping in view the socio-economic needs of the city with the perspective for the year 2021.

In regard to commercial activity, the draft MPD-2021 envisages a five tier commercial hierarchy to accommodate requirements of shopping, commercial offices and other services activities in an integrated manner for the population at various levels. Under the mixed use policy, the Draft Plan provides for allowing non-residential activities on ground floor in residential premises selectively, after taking into consideration the community needs, environmental impact and provision for safe and easy traffic circulation and parking requirements.

In so far as the Influence Zone along Metro Corridors is concerned, the draft MPD-2021 proposes enhanced norms subject to preparation and approval of comprehensive integrated scheme. Regarding unauthorized colonies, the draft MPD-2021 proposes that regularization is to be done subject to the preparation of proper layout and service plans and submission to local bodies/DDA, to ensure that minimum necessary/ feasible level of services and facilities are provided.

The objections/suggestions received in response to the Public Notice issued by DDA in the Newspapers on 8.04.2005 have been referred to the Board of Enquiry and Hearing for consideration. Finalization of the draft Master Plan is a statutory process laid down in the Delhi Development Act 1957 and the rules framed thereunder. The Act does not prescribe any timeframe for finalization of the Plan.

(c) and (d) The norms proposed in the draft MPD-2021, would be operative after Notification of the plan in accordance with the process laid

down in the Delhi Development Act 1957. Till such time, the provisions of MPD-2021 which had been notified on 01.08.1990 and amended from time to time, are applicable. Adjudication by Courts is on the basis of existing provisions of the Statutory Plan.

Visit by Officials of ASI

*376. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Archaeological Survey of India had recently visited many sites in different countries to preserve the monuments of Indian importance there;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the response received by it from those countries?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) During the last two years, the officers from the Archaeological Survey of India have visited monuments and sites in Cambodia, Sri-Lanka, Lao PDR, Pakistan and Afghanistan.

The Details are as under:—

(i) Archaeological Survey of India has taken up the Conservation work of Ta Prohm Temple in Cambodia. The work started in January, 2004 and is likely to stretch over a period of ten years.

(ii) The Project Report for the restoration of Katasraj temple in Pakistan has been submitted to the Ministry of External Affairs which has been sent to the Government of Pakistan. Their response is awaited.

(iii) Project reports for the restoration of two temples in Sri Lanka i.e. Thirukuteeshwaram temples in Manner and Mulkirigala rajya Vihar in Mulkirigala, and restoration of Wat Phou Temples in Lao PDR are under preparation.

(iv) For Afghanistan, ASI is proposing deputation of a team of experts for condition assessment of museum objects and archival material.